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		Bulgarians have only two; Vraz	shdebna, which is just outside of
25X1		Sofia, and Graf Ignativef, which is just	outside of Ploydiv. Both
25X1		are single strips.	
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- 25X1 2. The Chief of Staff of the Bulgarian Air Force, Colonel Nikola Petkov and one other high ranking Bulgarian officer are making preparations start a survey of all military and civilian air fields to determine how they may be enlarged. They also wish to locate sites for new emergency landing fields. This survey is being made in order that the fields may be useful for Russian planes in the event of war.
 - 3. The chief of the political branch of the air force, Colonel Perinovsky told members of the staff in a recent meeting that war between Russia and the United States was contemplated, but not for ten years. War to the Greece or Turkey, however, might come at any moment, and hence they are to be technically and psychologically ready now and in the future.
 - 4. The Bulgarian Air Force has thirty ME 9's dismantled in a field near wiven, but since the parts for them are not available, they will probably we expect be used.
 - 5. The greater part of the Bulgarian present effective fighter force is node up of Russian Yak 9's (number not known), and the rest is made up of Russian Yanchulins, heavy two-seaters similar to Stukas.
 - Of approximately four hundred staff officers, only about fifteen are Communists.

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